(b) if so, whether they have duly considered those protests, and how they have disposed of them?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) All the representations were duly considered before orders were passed.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji).*—With reference to (b) was any information given by the Government to the respective parties in regard to the petitions sent by them?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I do not know whether they can be styled as petitioners. Orders on the Franchise Committee Report were passed and published in the Gazette. There were representations made before the Government and orders were passed and published in the Gazette.

Mr. T.C. Iyyukkutty *(Pazhanji).*—Were petitions received by the Government?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I do not know whether they can be called petitions. There were representations made by several bodies.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji).*—My question is whether there was any representation by means of a petition.

Mr. President.—What is the difference between a petition and a representation?

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji).*—As a matter of fact I know that a petition was sent from that part. I want to know how the Government disposed of that petition.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—The orders that were published in the Gazette will show how they were disposed of.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—It is said here in (b) that all representations were duly considered. I find in yesterday's Gazette that there is another order. What is the necessity of making a further order if all representations were duly considered?

Colour box system—introduction of.

5. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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whether any evidence was given before the Franchise Committee presided over by Mr. Sahasranama Ayyar that the colour box system for registering votes may be introduced in Cochin from the next election onwards?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—May I know whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the desirability of introducing the colour box system?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Have they come to any decision upon that?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—I think that question is coming up as a resolution. Government do not think it absolutely necessary to introduce the colour box system.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—May I know the reasons why the Government do not think it necessary to introduce the colour box system?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—That is the opinion of the Government.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.— I am asking whether it is based on any solid grounds?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—That will be replied to when the resolution is taken up.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikkad)*.—The resolution may not be taken up.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—You cannot anticipate all those things.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—May I know whether the introduction of the colour box system will save much time?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—It is a matter again of opinion.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikkad)*.—Has the Government any particular dislike for colours?

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Mr. President.—One of the reasons for not introducing the colour box system is this. It is used only where there are distinct party organisations. Government have no reason to think that there are such kinds of organisations in the State.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—In the light of the statement made by the Chair, will the Government reconsider their position if the elections are contested by parties under party system?

Mr. President.—I said that is one of the reasons. If the Government think it is necessary, they will certainly reconsider their decision.

General election—Legislative Council—Preliminary list of voters—Publication of.

6. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the preliminary list of voters for the next general election will be published;

(b) when the preliminary list has to be published in order to conduct the elections in Edavam 1113?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—(a) Under the tentative programme drawn up by Government, the preliminary electoral rolls are to be published in the 1st week of February 1938.

(b) There is no rule as to when the preliminary roll should be published. The date of publication has to be fixed by the Diwan. See rule 6 (b)—Schedule III—Legislative Council Electoral Rules.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—With reference to sub-section (b) may I know whether the Government is in a position to tell us when approximately the preliminary electoral rolls will have to be published in order to conduct the elections? It is said here there are no rules.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—The answer is already given there. There is already a programme drawn up and according to that programme, the preliminary electoral roll has to be published by the first week of February 1938. Government have no reason to think that that programme will not be adhered to.

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